



Region 9 Works Council

MEETING NOTES

February 23, 2017, 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Ivy Tech
Madison, Indiana

1. Meeting was called to order by Jan Holm.
2. Introduction of Council Members: Harold Wilson (Cummins), Barry Parkhurst (NTN Driveshaft), Jan Holm (Batesville Tool & Die), Kurt Mowery (Honda, sitting in for Melissa Miller) via phone, Kathy Huffman (CEC/EcO), Karl Galey (Lawrenceburg Schools) via phone
3. Introduction of Guests: Cari Vuko (SEIWIB), Jeff Halcomb (DWD), Lisa Metcalf (DWD)
4. Minutes from the January meeting were approved.
5. River Port update - Karl (through the Lawrenceburg Mayor)
 - a. State wants to partner with Lawrenceburg, the Port of Indiana and the DOT are meeting, and the groups have been "benchmarking" with other ports locations
 - b. Wear and tear on the infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.) is a concern and they are looking at ways to set aside money to cover future maintenance. They are also looking at road options such as expanding existing routes or build a new alternate route.
 - c. The power plant was turned over 1/2 a year ago to start the cleanup process which will take 2 years total and then it will be turned over to the Port of Indiana when teardown and construction will begin. From the time the cleanup started to where we see a more fully operational facility will take 5 years. During this process, the workforce will start to be impacted.
 - d. Barry asked about what kind of workforce (skills) will be needed and the corresponding wages. Karl said he will see if he can get those answers.
6. Region 9 Work-and-Learn project update and activities - Harold
 - a. To help insure we meet our in-kind obligations, we submitted an amendment to include all Works Council members' time plus anyone else working directly on the project.
 - b. Jan passed out a timeline showing 3 parallel sets of activities: survey/data collection/analysis, conference, and project reporting to Ivy Tech/DWD.
 - c. The conference date is planned for the first week of June.
 - d. The conference should be held at a high school central to the region

- e. Surveys are under final review and ready to be sent
 - f. We won't be able to piggy back with the DWD conference in April - it is too soon for our timeline and too far out of our region. We would like to have EcO join us and give the Networks a chance to give an update.
7. State and Regional Partner Updates
- a. DWD - Lisa
 - i. Have money to support 5 or 6 adult programs integrating Literacy, English, Civics
 - ii. Business engagement team is expanding. Jeff Halcomb was introduced as the leader for regions 8, 9, 10, 11. They are putting together a core team and want to understand business needs.
 - b. SEIWIB - Cari
 - i. Nothing new to report except they are preparing for the March joint meeting.
 - c. EcO - Stephanie (Kathy gave the update)
 - i. Skill Up project leaders are working on the quarterly update to DWD. The project is on track and activities are going well with around \$800,000 left out of \$1.8 million with 7 months remaining.
 - d. AHEC - Jeff
 - i. We are hard at work this month writing our components of the new Federal AHEC grant that is due later this spring - individual centers have end-of-February deadlines to get our materials to the state network office who compiles the full application. Beyond that we are hopeful of positive outcomes in both the state legislature and congress in terms of 2017-2018 program year funding and will begin work on implementing the new AHEC grant's emphasis on programming for health professions students pending those funding outcomes.
 - e. DriveTrain - Lori
 - i. No one to report.
8. Network / Project Updates
- a. Educational Attainment Network (Kathy)
 - i. Through the Skill Up initiatives, 2439 students have been impacted.
 - ii. Have been involved with the Lumina for 3 or 4 year and the funding is coming to an end, but plan to keep active in their Community Network
 - iii. Some future initiatives will focus on adults
 - iv. Lumina is offering a new opportunity to join - would need to pick one of their three focus areas and include some emphasis on minorities
 - v. Still working on data sources within the State agency along with Drew at IU public Policy Center
 - b. Manufacturing Network (Stephanie)
 - i. No one to report
 - c. Health Care Sector Network (Charlene)
 - i. No one to report
9. Prepare for the Joint meeting on 03/21/17 – Plans for 2017
- a. Finish the Work-and-Learn project (directory, 5 model programs, conference)

- i. Discussed in the project update shown above
- b. Help with the issue of STEM/CTE teacher shortage
 - i. This was not discussed and can be included in the April agenda
- c. Future of the Works Council
 - i. Jan spoke to Chris Lowery to get an update from his perspective and he said there is a possible amendment to House Bill 1008 that would extend the Career Council and the Works Council until June, 2018. He also mentioned that a tax credit is being considered for businesses who are providing training for certain kinds of programs.
 - ii. The Council's mission (is some of it already imbedded or overlapped in the other groups?)
 - 1. CTE focus
 - 2. Align school curriculum to the region's business needs
 - 3. Develop and promote innovative programs
 - 4. Develop and promote partnerships
 - iii. The Council's role in the region
 - 1. Getting the programs and best practices in front of the right people
 - 2. Keep focus on CTE for student not looking at 4-year post secondary
 - 3. A place for cross industry sector interaction
 - 4. Be action oriented
 - 5. Be a catalyst
 - iv. Possible future activities
 - 1. Provide additional focus on other sectors - logistics, health care
 - 2. Adult initiatives
 - 3. Increase activities on the local level/sub-region
 - 4. Support cross sector initiatives

10. Other business

11. Adjournment - Next meeting is the Joint meeting in Columbus at Columbus Learning Center on 03/21 at 10:00 in Room 2205.